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CONSOLIDATION OF THE REGIME ESTABLISHED BY THE TREATY FOR THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Letter dated 17 December 1992 from the representatives of Argentina and Brazil to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the note sent to you by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of our countries concerning the inauguration of the headquarters of the Brazilian-Argentine Agency for Accounting and Control of Nuclear Materials (ABACC) (see annex).

We should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex distributed as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda items 14, 61 and 142.

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ANNEX

Note dated 9 December 1992 from the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Argentina and Brazil addressed to the Secretary-General

The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Argentine Republic and the Federative Republic of Brazil, Mr. Guido di Tella and Mr. Fernando Henrique Cardoso, present their compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and have the honour to inform him that at a ceremony held today, 9 December 1992, in the city of Rio de Janeiro, they officially inaugurated the headquarters of the Brazilian-Argentine Agency for Accounting and Control of Nuclear Materials (ABACC). The Agency is one of the parties to the agreement for the application of safeguards signed between Argentina, Brazil, ABACC and the International Atomic Energy Agency on 13 December 1991.

The function of ABACC is to administer and implement a common system of accounting and control to be applied to all nuclear materials involved in the two countries' nuclear activities, in order to guarantee their commitment to use nuclear power exclusively for peaceful purposes. The event is a decisive step in the action taken by Brazil and Argentina to ensure the transparency of their nuclear activities.

The two Ministers for Foreign Affairs would be grateful if you would have this information circulated among the countries represented at the United Nations.